

# GREAT HAMPDEN PARISH MAGAZINE



*EASTER 2023*

ST MARY MAGDALENE GREAT HAMPDEN

St Mary Magdalene, Great Hampden is a well-loved parish church serving Great Hampden and the surrounding villages. We are made up of people of different ages and backgrounds who enjoy being a part of the life of our church. We come together to give thanks to God every Sunday at 11.15am, and we invite you to join us!

[www.greathampden.org.uk](http://www.greathampden.org.uk)

*Wednesday 5th April at 7.30 pm*

HAYDN'S 'SEVEN LAST WORDS OF OUR  
SAVIOUR ON THE CROSS'

THE HAMPDEN STRING QUARTET WILL PERFORM THIS BEAUTIFUL  
WORK BY JOSEPH HAYDN AS A MEDITATION FOR HOLY WEEK

*Good Friday 7th April at 12 noon*

AN HOUR BY THE CROSS

*Easter Sunday 9th April at 11.15 am*

FAMILY FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

FOLLOWED BY EASTER EGG HUNT

*Sunday 16th April at 11.15 am*

SUNDAY WORSHIP

*Front Cover*

St Mary Magdalene, Great Hampden, Mothering Sunday 2020

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**Thank you to all the contributors to this magazine.**

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*If anyone in the Parish of Great and Little Hampden needs help with shopping or collecting prescriptions or help in any other way please contact Frances Smith on 01494 488519 or any Parish Councillor 07850278478.*



## DEINIOL'S PIECE

We are delighted that our project for St Mary Magdalene is progressing. It has been a gargantuan job to work through the proposals, consult with various groups such as Historic England, English Heritage, the Victorian Society and many others, receive their feedback, act on it, and finally receive the permission we need to go ahead.

Enclosed in your parish magazine is the leaflet we have prepared to help people understand what we are hoping to achieve for our church. You can also find out more at [www.greathampden.org.uk/project](http://www.greathampden.org.uk/project).

We now need to raise the money!

Over Easter we begin our fund-raising campaign in earnest. We hope that most people will want to commit to a regular amount of money each month for the next two or three years. Some people may want to make a significant donation up front. Others may wish to fund raise for the project themselves.

All the information about how you can do these are in this magazine.

We need to upgrade the sound system and AV equipment; relight the interior of the church; improve the heating and stabilise the floor tiles; sympathetically redecorate and clean the stonework; and open up the chancel space.

We will then have a restored building, improved by sensitive redecoration; a well-lit, warmer, more comfortable and accessible church; sensitive creation of space in the chancel for worship and concerts; architectural and historical features enhanced and made more visible; and our church continues to be a significant place in peoples lives and the community for generations to come, enabling a place of meeting between God and his people.

We'll be able to continue our popular Sunday services, welcome the wider community by continuing to host weddings and baptisms. We have a rich tradition of musical events including our popular chamber music concerts, which we will be able to host in a unique and flexible space and we can explore offering educational events to make the most of the church's special historical connection with John Hampden the Patriot, plus we can offer a space for spiritual exploration, retreats and cultural events.

Easter is a great time to be thinking about this, because we celebrate resurrection—the great truth that Jesus rose from the dead in order to bring us back to God.

After 800 years, this is a moment of resurrection for our church. There have been many of these moments over the last 800 years in the life of the church. Periods of history, like the Reformation, which had a profound impact on the building and what happened within it. Periods of recovery from plague and illness—like the terrifying death tolls and heart-breaking stories recorded in our Parish Registers, and so recently relived in the COVID pandemic. Periods of renewal and building,

which you can see in the side aisles, and in the three different roof lines visible in the west wall of the nave. And then the Victorians got to work...

All of this history reminds us that our church is a living, breathing building that exists in a relationship with the people who use it.

Of course, right now our main concerns are warmth, light, conservation and redecoration for the first time in living memory. This enables us to preserve the rich history of the building and its fabric.

Resurrection is not reanimation. We are not talking about making an old corpse jump again. Resurrection is about the hope of new life that both transforms and fulfils the life that has gone before. If that had not happened on the first Easter day, there would be no church. If it had not happened in Great Hampden many times over the last 800 years, there would be no church in Great Hampden. That it is still happening today is what gives life and hope to our church and to ourselves, and my prayer is that you will be able to support our fundraising and our vision for our church as it prepares for the next 800 years of its life.

### **Prayer for St Mary Magdalene, Great Hampden '2023 and beyond' project**

We invite you to use this prayer, which we shall be praying in every service at Great Hampden from now on, as we fund-raise for our project:

*Living God, we bless you because you make your dwelling place the hearts of your faithful people. In your abundance bless us with the gifts we need to be faithful stewards of St Mary Magdalene, Great Hampden. Help us to realise our vision for the future of our church. May we always be mindful of the coming kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, together with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

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### **Support Great Hampden '2023 and beyond' project**

Campaign page <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/gh2023>



Campaign QR Code:

Fundraise for our '2023 and beyond' project. Go to: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising-page/create/campaignShortName=gh2023>

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***SAVE THE DATE!*** Chamber Music Concert featuring  
*Sam Laughton, Alexandra Caldon, Charlotte Reid and Alex Caldon*  
Saturday 22nd July 2023



## CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

### FROM VAL GRISTWOOD

Looking back at my notes for last Easter's Magazine I was dismayed to learn that the invasion of Ukraine had just begun and here we are, a year has passed. I do not think any of us had comprehended the destruction and devastation which was to follow or the length of this conflict. This was partly because most of us have not experienced war on this scale, so close to us and the naïve thoughts that a ruler of another country would contemplate delivering such devastation to our 'Civilized Europe'. How wrong we were! Situations such as this test my faith and the 'grand' order of things which allow fellow human beings to inflict such harm on others.

Natural disasters such as the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria are absolutely tragic, but manmade disasters are, to me, on another scale all together. With natural disasters we do all we can to try to alleviate the human suffering of innocent people. We give money, practical support and we pray but if only we could do more to ensure that we as humans are never responsible for causing such suffering – that is what our study of History is meant to provide.

The weather is unpredictable but there are signs that spring is just around the corner with the snowdrops, daffodils, camellias and magnolias coming out, which we can hope will give renewed hope for a brighter future as we progress through 2023.

Nigel Spoor has continued to assist and work alongside Deiniol to deliver our services and support our church. The PCC and Deiniol are pleased to have received the official permission for our plans for decorating and refurbishing the church to make it a more inviting and comfortable place without affecting the charm and history attached to the building. More information will be found later in the magazine about fund raising activities and how we can contribute to the fund.

After having to say a sad farewell to The Reverend Kevin Lovell in November we are looking forward to welcoming our new Curate Kayleigh Lucas on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July following her ordination at Christ Church, Oxford on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

We are happy that we are now into a normal pattern of services and the numbers in the congregation are very slowly recovering. Our church flourishes with the support of a very dedicated PCC. I am indebted to all the members of the PCC who are always so supportive in helping with the services and generally keeping the church running. Alan Costin continues to look after the finances with amazing efficiency. Libby Rodda has done an outstanding job in the role of secretary since taking over the role and Tony Blackburn has been caring for the fabric of the church and continues to be the key player in planning the refurbishment project. Roger Craft organises the weekly sidesman and reader rotas together with co-ordinating the weddings. We are also indebted to Sam Laughton, our Director of Music and to Adrian Felaar and all the other organists and musicians who play for us.

Many other people also give a lot of their time to enable the church to function throughout the year; they include Margaret Gray and her flower arrangers, those who help maintain and clean the church, those who help organise and clear up after special services and events, those who tidy the churchyard and the vergers at weddings, baptisms and funerals.

We have had one Baptism on 26<sup>th</sup> March and have three weddings booked for this year. Lorraine Le Mare and Simon Fox on 24<sup>th</sup> June, Natalie Terry and Richard Webber on 2<sup>nd</sup> September and Sarah Stephenson and Jan Belza on 7<sup>th</sup> October. We pray for these couples and wish them every happiness

in their planning and in their future lives together.

### **Golden Wedding Congratulations**

We wish to congratulate Helen and Francis Gomme on their Golden Wedding on 24<sup>th</sup> March. We hope that they had a wonderful day and enjoyed the celebration with their family and friends on 26<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Looking back.....**

....to our **Carol Singing at the Hampden Arms on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** when Roger and I led some enthusiastic singing in a full pub. It was a truly lovely evening and we raised £150 for Embrace, the Middle eastern Charity.

....to our **Christingle Service Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec, at 11 15am**, a service especially for the children, but equally enjoyed by the adults. The service was led by our clergy who explained the true meaning of Christmas and what each of the items on the Christingle, which were given to the congregation during the service, symbolized. The proceeds of the collection were given to The Children's Society. In readiness for this service the Christmas tree and Crib had been kindly set up by the font by David Brown.

....to our **Carol Service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.00pm** which was an outstanding occasion with beautiful music from Sam Laughton and his choir and Alexandra and Alex Caldon and their families. The church was full with a congregation of nearly 100 and the refreshments of mulled wine and mince pies were enjoyed by all after the service

....to our **Christmas Day Service at 11.15am** on Christmas Morning. We welcomed 42 members of the congregation to this beautiful Eucharist service. Our first service of the New Year was on 8<sup>th</sup> January as there was no service on 1<sup>st</sup> January because it was New Year's Day

### **Looking forward.....**

....to **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm** when we are pleased that we shall be able to hear **The Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross by Joseph Haydn**. The Hampden String Quartet will perform this beautiful work as a Meditation for Holy Week.

....to **Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon** for a service to observe An Hour by the Cross.

....to our **Easter Day Service**. We will celebrate Christ's Resurrection on **Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 11.15am** with a Family Communion service, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

....to our **Annual Parishioners and Parochial Church Council Meetings** which will be held on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May** after the morning service at **12 noon**. As well as electing churchwardens and the PCC, we will receive and review the Annual Reports and get an update on the 2023 and Beyond Project. We are always looking for new members to join the PCC. If anyone is interested in joining and would like to find out more as to what is involved, please contact Val Gristwood on 01494 865558.

....to **Trinity Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June**. There will be a joint Benefice Service at **Holy Trinity Prestwood at 10.30am** followed by drinks and refreshments. There will be no service at St Mary Magdalene Great Hampden that day.

....to **Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30am** when we will welcome **The Reverend Kayleigh Lucas** for her first service, with a combined service at **Holy Trinity Prestwood** followed by **celebratory drinks**. There will be no service at St Mary Magdalene Great Hampden on that day.

....to **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July ,in the evening.** There will be a **Chamber Music Concert** featuring Sam Laughton, Alexandra Caldon, Charlotte Reid and Alex Caldon in aid of our **Fund raising for the 2023 and beyond Project.**

....to **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 11.15am when** we will celebrate **St Mary Magdalene Day** with a combined service at Great Hampden followed by drinks and BYO picnic in the Church grounds.

....and we look forward again this year to our **Harvest Festival & Family Service** which will take place in the early Autumn followed by lunch in the Village Hall - we had such an enjoyable event last year after missing it for two years. Another important celebration to keep in mind and watch for further details in the summer issue.

### **Church Fabric**

We are extremely grateful to Tony Blackburn who continues the task of looking after the fabric of the church, as well as overseeing the 2023 and Beyond project to decorate the church and update the lighting and sound systems. A full update and details of the granting of permission to carry out the work by the Church bodies, are found later in the magazine.

Please remember to access our website [www.greathampden.org.uk](http://www.greathampden.org.uk) from time to time as it contains details of services, news, and notices and a calendar of events to keep you up to date between issues of this magazine.

Unfortunately, due to the remote location of St. Mary Magdalene we feel obliged to keep it locked except for services. However, we are always delighted to open the church on special request, whether on week days or at weekends. Please contact me, Val Gristwood (01494 865558) to arrange a time and date. We would appreciate as much notice as possible so that if I am not available there will be time to arrange for another member of the PCC to open the church.

We still have supplies of the packs of **Notecards of Great Hampden Church.** They are excellent value at £3 for a pack of 10 and are available in the Church or from the Churchwardens.

We look forward to seeing you all again during the Spring and Summer whether at our services, any of the other activities mentioned in these notes, on a visit to the church or just around Great Hampden.

**Please support St Mary Magdalene, Great Hampden by going to:**

<https://www.justgiving.com/greathampden> or via the QR code below



## 2020 PROJECT BY TONY BLACKBURN PCC MEMBER

Since the Christmas Edition of the Magazine I am delighted to confirm that following the recommendation by the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC), the Chancellor has approved our project! We now move at last from the talking phase ( begun in 2019 !) to the 'doing' phase.

Our plan is to tackle the overall project in two phases, recognising the need to have the necessary funds in place for each stage. Stage one will be the full refurbishment and enhancement of the Chancel. The work will entail removing one row of pews and related bookstands on either side and replacing the wooden floor with tiles. New upgraded lighting and heating will be installed and finally after masonry repairs, a full redecoration. The resulting Chancel will then provide a welcoming and intimate place for our worship and a more versatile space for other use e.g. concerts. Costings are once again being updated and the hope is for the work to be carried out this summer. Further progress then depends on filling the Piggy Bank!

### **'2023 and Beyond' Fund Raising Campaign**

*by Jonathan Knight*

After a lot of hard work over the last three years we are delighted that Faculty Approval for the restoration and improvements to St Mary Magdalene Church have finally been granted. This is a legal milestone equivalent to gaining planning permission.

Enclosed with this edition of the Parish Magazine is our '2023 and Beyond' fund raising leaflet. This explains the vision, scope of work and how we can all help to make our Church a more enjoyable place to meet, to worship and to offer a space to be utilised by the wider community.

So now the hard work begins in earnest to raise the remaining £300,000 to make this vision a reality.

Please do take five minutes to read the leaflet and if you would like to donate, have ideas for fund raising activities or can even offer your time to help at one of the upcoming fund raising events please do not hesitate to contact us, details are on the back page of the leaflet

Upcoming fund raising events will be posted in the Parish Magazine, on-line and on the Parish Notice Boards

Watch this space!!

## FROM AROUND OUR PARISH

**Enid Joyce Sheppard**

**7<sup>th</sup> February 1947 - 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**

Sadly, Enid unexpectedly passed away early in the New Year. Along with her husband Graham she raised her children in the village and had lived all her married life at No 37 Great Hampden. Over the years Enid helped and supported events in the village particularly the Queen's Jubilee in 1977. She loved cricket and was a talented embroiderer. She will be sorely missed by her family and friends.

We send our deepest sympathy and love to Graham and his family.



**Jill Cromack (née Copping)**

Jill sadly passed away in New Zealand early this year at the age of 83. Jill was christened at Great Hampden Church and lived with the family at Pheasants in Redland End. She attended Great Hampden School and then Hatters Lane School, travelling on Farmer's Bus. In 1960 she married Ian Cromack from Bryants Bottom at Great Hampden Church. In 1962 they emigrated to New Zealand where they remained with their three children. She visited Great Hampden a few times over the years and her parents George and Dorothy visited Jill and her family quite a few times. In 1976 Jill and Ian returned for a visit and at that time all three of their children were baptised at Great Hampden Church. She lived on Lake Taupo on North Island where her family remain.





## LOCAL BABYSITTER

*My name is Evie Lucas, I live in the village pub and I am 17. I am currently looking for some work experience and I am available to babysit at weekends and during school holidays. If you would like to talk to me further I can be contacted on the following telephone numbers. Look forward to hearing from you!*

*My mobile number is 07421 833390 My home landline is 01494 488 255*

### STOKE MANDEVILLE AND OTHER PARISHES CHARITY

**“Providing for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Parishes of Stoke Mandeville, Great and Little Hampden and Great Missenden”**

Applications for grants from Great and Little Hampden residents are to be submitted to the Administrator of the Charity by 1<sup>st</sup> of each month in which the meetings are held.

The Trustees meet in January, April, July and October.

Applications can be sent by post or email to the Administrator, Mrs. C. B. Dobson. Contact details are on the Charity website

<https://www.smandopc.org/>

Email address is: [smandopc@gmail.com](mailto:smandopc@gmail.com)

**Contact Peter Collier for further information – Telephone 01494 488031.**



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**FROM CLLR FRANCES SMITH CHAIR OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

<https://www.hugofox.com/community/great-and-little-hampden-parish-council-10419/home/>

Thank you to Peter and Jayne Collier, Colin and Julia Heck, and Evie and Emily Lucas for taking part in 'Spring Clean Bucks'. Between them they filled 45 black sacks with litter. Thank you to Peter for also arranging Buckinghamshire Council to collect the bags from the roadside.

**Dates of next parish council meetings, held in the Village Hall:**

24 May (plus Annual meeting)

20 June

24 July

12 September

24 October

28 November

# THE 2023 GREAT HAMPDEN VILLAGE SHOW

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF GREAT HAMPDEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

Yes ... it is just 2 years since our last W.I. Village Show when, in September 2021, we managed to stage a bumper event whilst meticulously adhering to the covid guidelines operative at the time. Many thanks to all of you who supported us in what was then the first village get-together for some 18 months.

***Our Show this year will be an extra special one as it celebrates 100 unbroken years of existence of Great Hampden's Women's Institute, founded in 1923 – a great achievement! We are delighted and honoured that The Countess Howe, His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, has kindly agreed to mark the historic occasion by presenting cups and certificates to the winners in the afternoon after the public viewing of exhibits has ended. We look forward to welcoming her to the village.***

Well – where are we on organising the Show? The Committee has confirmed the classes, the schedule produced, the judges booked, the village hall reserved and the W.I. ladies primed to provide countless cups of tea and slices of home-made cake on the afternoon. All it now needs is for everyone to get going on their individual preparations. **AND THAT INCLUDES YOU !!!**



Even though it seems a long way off, the actual **Show date of 16<sup>th</sup> September** will soon be upon us and spring and summer will have been and gone before we know it – and those are the months when all you keen gardeners will need to be active in sowing your vegetables, manuring your plants, watering your sprouting crops and otherwise tending your produce and flowers in readiness for the big day! So .... time to get thinking about what to plant and when to plant it so that crops and flowers will grow and bloom to perfection just on that special day!

And for those more used to creating magic indoors, you'll need to start thinking about when is the best time to make your special "Grandma's recipe" chutney, how long it will take you to make your unique craft item and whether you follow Delia's or Mary's recipe for the inevitable Victoria Sandwich class.

For the younger generation, a glance at the different options for each age group should mean that there is at least one thing that grabs your attention.

**We hope that each household in Great and Little Hampden (household includes non-local immediate family members) will enter into the spirit of the occasion by entering at least one class per person.**



The Show Schedule is printed elsewhere in this issue and again this year there are 58 different classes. Please study it now and select which classes you're going to enter – please don't leave it till the last minute and then regret not starting your craft item in good time!

**Whatever you fancy having a go at – please do!**

*If you are new to the Village since our last Show in 2021 and you aren't too sure of what's involved, let us assure you that you don't have to be top notch at anything to have a go. Worry not - TV Masterchefs don't participate and Gordon Ramsey isn't a highly critical judge!*

*For us the Show is meant to be just a bit of fun - and very friendly 'rivalry'.*

Entry forms will be printed in the summer issue of the magazine. They will also be available at that time from committee members. Between now and then, though, please get your diaries out, mark "Village Show" on the 16<sup>th</sup> September page – and get preparing over the next weeks!

**THE SHOW IS ONLY AS SUCCESSFUL AS YOU MAKE IT  
SO PLEASE HELP OUR W.I. CENTENARY SHOW BE THE BEST EVER !**

# GREAT HAMPDEN VILLAGE SHOW

Celebrating 100 Years of Great Hampden Women's Institute

SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

VILLAGE HALL

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*Adjudication to be made by qualified judges*

*Entries on official entry forms (one form for each exhibitor)*

*to be submitted to a member of the Show Committee*

*by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September*

*All exhibits must be staged between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (when doors are locked) on Show morning. Exhibits must remain in place until 4:15 p.m. for public viewing*

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**Doors open for viewing of exhibits and results at 2:30 p.m.**

Entry £1 - free to exhibitors & children aged 12 and under

**Overall Winners' Cups and Class Awards will be presented at 4:30 p.m.**

**including the Frankie Westlake Memorial Award**

**\*\* W. I. TEAS SERVED THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON \*\***

**\*\* RAFFLE \*\***

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SHOW COMMITTEE

Kate Brocklehurst, Marcia Fendom, Sally Nash

Hilary Reid, Tiddy Yates

For further information please phone: (01494) 488611 or 07786 430666 or email: pheasantsreids@gmail.com

**PLEASE READ THE SCHEDULE AND THE SHOW RULES OVERLEAF FOR EACH CLASS**

**DOMESTIC SECTION - OPEN**

1	Jar of Citrus Curd (not less than 225 g) See Rules 5 & 6
2	Jar of Soft Fruit Jam (not less than 340 g) See Rule 5
3	Jar of Stone Fruit Jam (not less than 340 g) See Rule 5
4	Jar of Citrus Marmalade (not less than 340 g) See Rule 5
5	Jar of Fruit Jelly (not less than 225g) See Rule 5
6	Jar of Chutney (not less than 340 g) See Rule 5
7 *	Victoria Sandwich (approx 20 cm) See Rule 7
8 *	5 Hazelnut Macaroons See Rule 8 for recipe
9 *	5 Savoury Bread Rolls (bread-maker may be used)
10 *	5 Plain Scones
11 *	5 Chocolate Truffles
12 *	Decorated chocolate cake celebrating 100 years of GHWI (approx. 20 cm)
13 *	Ramekin of Hummus
14	5 Freshly-laid Eggs in a Basket See Rule 9

**DOMESTIC SECTION - MEN ONLY**

15 *	Bakewell Tart (Max 18 cm diameter)
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**CRAFT (See Rule 10)**

16	A Craft Item in any medium other than fabric (e.g. wood, metal, willow, cane, rush, raffia, etc) and of any size
17	A Craft Item in any fabric material and of any size
18	A Hand-knitted or Crocheted Item
19	A "Then & Now" Card Celebrating 100 Years of GHWI
20	Picture in any Medium (not by computer) – max A3 size
21	A Photograph of Trees – max 21cm x 15cm

**CHILDREN'S CLASSES (See Rule 11)**

*Classes 22 to 24 - Ages up to and including 6 years*

22	5 Fingerprint Faces on Paper
23 *	5 Peppermint Creams
24	3 Unusual Leaves

*Classes 25 to 28 - Ages 7 to 10 inclusive*

25	A Photograph "On My Walk"
26	A Model made from Lego (not a kit) - max 25cm square
27	A Collage of Leaves – max 42cm x 30cm
28 *	3 Jam Tarts

*Classes 29 to 31 - Ages 11 to 15 inclusive*

29	A Black & White (i.e. not colour) Photograph – max 21cm x 15cm
30	Picture in any Medium (not by computer) – max A4 size
31 *	3 Chocolate Brownies.

**FAMILY CLASS - Adults or/and Children Combined Effort**

32	Garden on a Plate (max 30cm overall)
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**VEGETABLES (See Rule 12)**

33	5 White Potatoes
34	5 Potatoes other than White
35	Heaviest Marrow
36	3 Onions from Seeds or Sets
37	3 Beetroot (with 7.5 cm tops and roots intact)
38	5 Carrots (with 7.5 cm tops)
39	5 Tomatoes (do not remove calyces)
40	A Truss of Cherry Tomatoes
41	5 Runner Beans (leaving a small stalk)
42	3 Courgettes (any variety)
43	2 Cucumbers
44	A Basket Display of Mixed Home-grown Vegetables – at least 3 different kinds

**FRUIT (See Rule 12)**

45	3 Eating Apples
46	3 Cooking Apples
47	5 Stone Fruit – one variety
48	12 Blackberries or 12 Raspberries – stalks attached
49	Collection of Home-grown Fruit of at least 3 different kinds (not exceeding 40 cm overall)

**FLOWERS (See Rule 12)**

50	1 Specimen Rose Bloom
51	Roses in clusters, 3 stems, 1 or more varieties
52	Vase of 5 Mixed Dahlias
53	3 Varieties of Perennial in 1 Vase
54	"St Clements" – A Vase of Mixed Orange and Yellow Flowers
55	A Vase of Mixed Garden Flowers

**FLOWER ARRANGING (See Rule 12)**

**Classes 56 & 58 maximum of 30 cm square and 60 cm high. Class 57 maximum of 18 cm each dimension**

**Please note that items marked \* MUST be covered with cling film to meet hygiene regulations**

56	Arrangement to mark a Centenary
57	An Arrangement with a Vintage Teacup
58	Exhibit in a Basket incorporating Mixed Herbs

**The Frankie Westlake Memorial Award** will be presented to the member of Great Hampden Women's Institute who, in the opinion of the Judges, has the most outstanding exhibit across classes 16 to 20 inclusive.

NB These classes are open to all to enter – it is only this special prize that is restricted to WI Members.

## SHOW RULES

- 1 Classes are restricted to (i) all residents of Great and Little Hampden and their immediate families; (ii) members of Great Hampden Women's Institute and their immediate families; (iii) Great Hampden Church Clergy, their immediate families and regular congregation members; (iv) residents of Bryants Bottom, Green Hailey, Redland End, Parslow's Hillock, Lily Bottom Lane, Speen, North Dean and Denner Hill.
- The Committee's decision as to whether or not an entrant qualifies will be final..
- 2 Only one entry per person is allowed per class. **Entry fee per class per person is 20p. Children's entries are free.**
- 3 Unless otherwise stated, all exhibits must be the sole effort of the exhibitor.
- 4 **All exhibits to be staged between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on the Show morning.**
- 5 **Classes 1 to 6, Jam, Marmalade, Jelly and Chutney.** Clear, **unbranded** glass jars are to be used. Fill to the top of the jar, **cover the contents with a waxed disc** and polish the jar to clear finger marks. Label as to contents and full date of making. **Either plain unbranded screw tops or cellophane tops** must be used to seal the jar.
- 6 **Class 1, Citrus Curd.** Citrus fruit must be lemon, orange or lime only. **Jars** - as for Rule 5, except that **cellophane tops, NOT screw tops, must be used** to seal the jar.
- 7 **Class 7, Victoria Sandwich.** Raspberry jam filling and caster sugar on top.
- 8 **Class 8, Recipe for Hazelnut Macaroons** Ingredients:- 125g ground hazelnuts // 150g caster sugar // 2 egg whites // 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract // 10 whole hazelnuts // 50g dark chocolate roughly chopped into 1cm pieces. Method:- Heat oven to gas mark 4 / 180C / fan 160C. Combine ground hazelnuts and sugar in a medium bowl. In a separate bowl whisk the egg whites until frothy but not stiff. Fold whisked egg whites into the ground hazelnuts/sugar mixture with a metal spoon; then fold in the vanilla and chocolate. Place 5 dessertspoonfuls of mixture well spaced on each of two baking trays lined with baking parchment. Place a whole hazelnut in the centre of each. Bake for 10-15 minutes until just firm. Leave to cool on baking tray.
- 9 **Class 14, Eggs** The eggs must be from hens, bantams, ducks, etc kept domestically by the exhibitor. One egg will be broken for judging.
- 10 **Classes 16, 17, 18 and 19.** Worn or used items not accepted.
- 11 **Children's Classes 22 to 31 inclusive.** Please state age of child on entry form. For classes 22 to 24, a child may have limited adult assistance in the preparation of their exhibits. Older children (classes 25-31) may have adult guidance but no physical help.
- 12 **Exhibits in classes 33 to 55 inclusive, 57 and 58** must be grown in the exhibitor's garden or allotment. **Flowers for class 56** may be sourced from anywhere.
- 13 Only judges and appointed officials will be allowed in the Hall during judging, which will commence at 10:30 a.m. behind closed doors. **The judges' decisions will be final.**
- 14 The Organisers can accept no responsibility for any loss or damage before, during or after the Show. **No exhibit may be removed before 4:15 p.m.**
- 15 **Each class, except those reserved for children and class 15 reserved for men only, is open to any person of any age or gender.**



## NEWS FROM THE HAMPDEN ARMS BY LOUISE LUCAS

As I sit down this afternoon to write the latest pages of pub news I notice the afternoons are really getting longer and there is a real feel of spring around the corner with snowdrops and daffodils in abundance in the pub garden. 2023 is a milestone for the Lucas family as we have now been at the pub for 20 years this March. I can vividly remember our first weekend with the tree planting outside the pub and meeting many people. Since then we have been welcomed into the village and made lifelong friends. Look out for the party invitation later in the year when we can celebrate with all our dear friends, customers and family.

### **Looking back:**

**Quiz nights:** continue to be a busy and fun packed night with plenty of light inter-team teasing and banter! On Boxing Day we raised £210 for the MPS Society, in January we raised a further £112 for the same charity, in February we raised £108 for Parkinson's UK and in March quiz goers raised £102 for Rennie Grove Hospice care.

**Christmas raffle:** ran throughout December and we raised £200 which was split 50/50 between St Mary Magdalene Church and Great Hampden Cricket Club. The 1<sup>st</sup> prize luxury hamper was won by Derek and Pam from Prestwood, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Rebellion beer set was won by Lucy Holmes, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize bottle of Lloyds wine was won by Mr E Spanna of Amersham and 4<sup>th</sup> prize box of chocolates was won by our December quiz winner Sarah.

**Carol singing:** was an amazing night with the roof well and truly raised with angelic voices! Special thanks to Roger Craft and Val Gristwood who kindly gave up their evenings to keep us all singing. We raised an amazing £155 for the Embrace Middle East charity.

**Burns Night:** thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy our Burns Night supper, Constantine served up a delicious supper of haggis served with neeps and tatties and of course a little whisky along the way! Last but by no means least huge heartfelt thanks to Lyle for his address to the haggis – simply amazing!

**Valentine's Day:** love was in the air in Great Hampden in February and Constantine served a variety of delights to tempt diners with such as scallop and king prawn medley to start, lamb rump or surf and turf for main course and strawberry Romanov for pudding!

**St Patrick's Day:** the flags were flying for Paddy's Day in the pub and Constantine served up a few Irish delights to help us celebrate with a traditional lamb stew and steak, Guinness and stilton pie on offer.

### **Looking ahead:**

**Quiz nights:** will continue to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. Kick off 8pm, £2 per team member to play, max 6 persons per team and £20 cash prize to the winning team. Next quiz night April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Coronation of His Majesty:** the TV will be in the bar on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May so you can watch all the proceedings live as they unfurl from Westminster Abbey. On Bank Holiday Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May the pub will be open all day and there will be live music in the beer garden from 3-6pm.

The pub will be open all day over the bank holiday weekends for Easter and in May. We will be serving food lunch and dinner. Please check website for times and menus.

**Bank Holiday Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May:** Whitchurch Morris dancers will welcome in May Day and dance outside the pub at 9am. Breakfast special of hot drink and bacon sandwich £7 will be served until 10am.

**Towersey Horseshoes Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June:** will welcome the summer solstice and dance at the pub @ 7.30pm. Come along and watch the Morris dancing tradition.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July Whitchurch Morris Dancers:** will dance outside the pub from 7.15pm. Come and watch this English traditional dancing and even join in!

**BBQ and live music Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July:** join us in the beer garden to kick start the summer holidays from 5pm.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August BBQ and live music Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August:** celebrate the August bank holiday weekend with us from 5pm onwards in the beer garden.

**Community information:** In the lobby we have the following for everyone to use:

1. **A help yourself to vegetable box** – a very green fingered customer hates to see food waste. So please pop into front lobby of pub and pick up fresh and free vegetables.
2. **One Can Collection box** – please place any donations in the tub for this much used local charity – Constantine delivers to One Can regularly.

**Pub spruce up:** Over the past few Tuesdays Garry Goldie Jones and his faithful side kick Rob have been decorating the bars inside, plus the lobby and ladies loo to freshen us up for the spring. Then it's on to the garden for a post winter tidy up.

So now I must bring the latest instalment of pub news to a close. The last 20 years at the pub have been simply amazing for myself and Constantine – we have had highs with the arrival of our 2 daughters Evie and Emily to the lows of losing our mothers. However throughout it all the wonderful village of Great Hampden has opened its arms to us and shown us love and friendship. We have a very special village pub here, it is a great leveller – everyone is here for the same reason to have a drink and to enjoy the company of others. Within the walls of this pub lifelong friendships have been made and support is given when needed. It really is a special place to be and I really can't thank all our dear loyal friends and customers enough. Thank you one and all for all your custom, love and support – Long may the Hampden Arms flourish under our guidance.

With all our love, Louise, Constantine, Evie and Emily xxx



# GREAT HAMPDEN VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Winter is a bit of a hibernation point for Great Hampden Village Hall. But we are coming back to life with a diversity of bookings over the next months. This weekend we have a musical event organised by Speen residents, their hall not being able to accommodate their numbers. We have bicycle races, family lunch gatherings, quizzes, Coronation celebrations and meetings. Now the weather is warming up the hall is perfect for holding all these things and more.

On May 7th Great Hampden WI will be celebrating in the hall to mark the Coronation of King Charles III. All are welcome to come along and enjoy the renowned WI baking. In September the WI will be hosting the Great Hampden Village Show. You can find the schedule of what promises to be a great show in this edition of the Parish Magazine.

Great Hampden Village Hall is 100 years old this year. On September 29th we will be holding a village hall centenary fun supper/quiz. We hope to have some of the history of the hall out on display over that weekend. So do try to get a team together and join us in celebrating the 100th birthday of our hall.

Our end of year accounts last year show that we managed a profit of about £400 which in the face of rising electricity and insurance costs we were pleased with. That £400 is just about what we make on the 200 Club so you can see things would not be easy for us without that bit of income. We also had to spend over £200 to replace our fire extinguishers which happens every five years or so. We thank all those members of the 200 Club who make such a generous contribution to the hall without which we would find it difficult to manage. Over the past decade the 200 Club has given out over £10,000 in prize money. The renewals will go out in early July and we hope that present members will feel able to renew and those of you who are not members might think about joining. Numbers cost £1 per month/£12 per year. Some members take one number and many take more. Please do contact Kate on 07786430666 if you feel you would like to join this summer. See below for a list of prize winners at the time of going to print.

Other news; we have applied for a grant from The Stoke Mandeville and other Villages Charity to redecorate the front lobby, passage to the loos and the gents loo, all of which are looking rather tired. The Charity have been very helpful in the past so we are hoping they will look favourably on our application this time and we can tidy up the hall over the summer.

The Village Hall Committee would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter! We look forward to seeing many of you over the next months.

## **SAVE THE DATE FRIDAY 29 TH SEPTEMBER VILLAGE QUIZ**

### **Village Hall 200 Club**

<b>Month</b>	<b>First Prize</b>	<b>Second Prize</b>	<b>Third Prize</b>
November 2022	Jim Rodda	Jane Lister	Helen Claydon
December 2022	David Brown	Alan Costin	Jayne Collier
January 2023	Tiddy Yates	John Griffin	Ian Smith
February 2023	Sian Edwards	Margaret Nanton	John Camden



# GREAT HAMPDEN WI REPORT

BY SUE DAVIS

**'A Force to be Reckoned With'**\*

2023 is the Centenary Year of Great Hampden Women's Institute. Read all about its beginnings in the next edition of this magazine when Juliet Davis will share the discoveries she made from her trawl through the early minutes.

The WI was first founded (in 1915, in Llanfair PG, Wales) for rural women. Not only did it alleviate their isolation in offering friendship (when approved by their husbands), but it also aimed to address issues related to health and family wellbeing. Lloyd George said, 'You cannot conduct an A1 empire with a C3 population'. This, after Government realized how many young men were unfit for military service first in the Boer War and then in the First World War. Bucks was no exception. The WI's expertise in domestic skills and resourcefulness was mobilized during WWII as members helped to make the most of the country's wartime resources, be it by jam making, collecting nettles or knitting socks.

The WI is non-political and secular, but famous for taking up grassroots issues that later become mainstream. Its very first resolution was about sanitation in housing: Homes Fit for Heroes, in other words, with the beginnings of council housing. This November, Great Hampden WI supported the resolution on Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife hoping that it will be chosen at the National Meeting, and the full force of the WI will be used to back it. Watch this space!

The WI is, however, still about friendship. December's meeting went traditional with mulled wine and mince pies, festive music and a hectic and hilarious game of parcel passing, introduced to the unwary by Sheelagh Marling. Our year's collection for Wycombe Homeless Connection, in lieu of Christmas cards, made over £100.

In the New Year, the village hall was transformed into 'Claridges in the Chilterns' for one afternoon. Fancy china, cloths and flowers lit up the tables, and members' cakes and makes filled the tiered plates – for a short while. Thanks to Jonathan Marling, each member was given a GHWI centenary tote bag. This tea is becoming a tradition, a sociable and delicious way to spend a dismal January afternoon. The 'icing on the cake' was Juliet's talk commemorating 100 years of Great Hampden WI. It was also an opportunity to show off the blankets for Ukraine that the Craft Group had knitted for HopeandAid, before they were sent off in the next convoy. Many thanks to all who contributed.

For our February meeting, Rosemary Mortham, star of Countryfile, showed us Bucks lacemaking which was once ubiquitous in Chiltern hilltop villages, and which provided an income for women while they looked after home and family. However, by 1900 the rise of machine lace led to its decline. The Countess of Buckinghamshire initiated a Saturday lace school for girls, in Hampden House, but it was short-lived. Although Bucks lace was once famous, its making is now kept alive as a hobby. Rosemary, who comes from Lacey Green, has a direct connection to those earlier

lacemakers and is working to preserve the craft. She has a museum of lacemaking looking for a home....

Rosemary's talk ties in with the Hidden Hands exhibition, just opened at Wycombe Museum. It celebrates women's work, including lacemaking, in the pre-industrial Chilterns, and includes the story of Jane Smith, nee Miller, of Great Hampden. Go along and have a look, or if you have any family stories to tell, please let me know.

Great Hampden WI meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

\*'A Force to Be Reckoned With, A History of the Women's Institute' by Jane Robinson



Village Show  
2015—answer  
to this  
photograph in  
the last issue of  
the magazine—



An easy one this  
time! Where is  
this and what  
year!



## SPRING AT HAMPDEN BOTTOM FARM - A LEAF FARM—LINKING ENVIRONMENT AND FARMING

BY IAN AND FIONA WALLER

At the end of October our new rams were put into the ewes with the hope that we would have lambs in around five months' time. At the end of January our ewes were scanned to see which ones were pregnant and whether they had twins or not. The scanning uses ultrasound just like hospitals, except the poor scanning person is sitting outside in a little crate in the rain/sleet scanning.

The ewes run into a holding pen and are then held there for a few minutes to look for lambs in the womb. Our happy news is that we have around 140 lambs due from the end of March through April. Most will be born during this time but there are always one or two that hang on until May - Coronation Lambs!!

All the chickens are still locked in and looking a little dejected. Cases of Avian Influenza are still being reported by the government but fortunately nothing too close to the Chilterns. Last year they were not released from "lockdown" until May and so hopefully there will be a repeat of this this time too... We've not seen too many unusual birds this year but still plenty of Yellowhammers, Chaffinch and Brambling being seen by my bird expert that regularly walks the field margins and hedgerows. We have some seed buckets on the field edges that help to encourage them and I keep these topped up throughout the winter.

One animal that we have seen quite a few times near Park Farm and down the valley recently is stoats. People sometimes get confused between weasels and stoats. If you see either one scampering across a road or down the

edge of a field they will look around the same size. Unless you have a ruler in your hand or a perfect comparison, it's really hard to tell the difference in their size! In the absence of your ruler just look at their tail. A stoats tail is longer (about half its body length) and always with a black tip. A weasel has a shorter tail only about a quarter of its body and no black tip. One thing they both have in common is speed – if you can get a photo congratulations!!



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Our winter wheat and oil seed rape planted in the autumn are doing quite well although keeping the pigeons and roe deer from feasting on them is nigh on impossible – I just hope that other plants that they both graze on start to grow soon so they can find some other tasty meals. All our crops are established so all it requires is just the right volume of rain, hours of sunshine all at the right time for plant growth. Like gardeners all over the world there is never a perfect growing season you just need to make the best of what you have.

Wishing you all the very best.

Ian and Fiona Waller



## 'TALES' FROM LITTLE HAMPDEN

BY SALLY APPLEBY

*This has been a long cold winter and Mrs. Ancient has relented and now I am permitted to sleep in the house. The only snag is she has decided on the advice of her friends that now the car has been valeted at vast expense I am only permitted to ride in it occasionally. I love being in the car as I know she won't go without me.*

*A 'frenemy' of Mrs. Ancient told her that the car stank of dog (what could be nicer) and that there was no point in cleaning the car then allowing me back in so she has taken to showering me at least once a week so I am now a fragrant hound. I hate being showered and then dried with a hair dryer. It is humiliating and I do my best to soak Mrs Ancient and the shower room by shaking vigorously all over her and the room. As soon as we do our morning walk, I find the fox deposits on the path and roll in it till I smell more like a proper hound. Fox deposits are the Chanel No 5 for dogs in case you were unaware..*

*I have a new friend in the village 'Monty'. He comes from Montenegro and was found abandoned on the street as a new puppy. Monty is now seven months and he is naughtier than me. He came to lunch with his owners and spent his time raiding the log basket (I can't reach it) and taking out suitable bits of wood which we then chewed into small pieces on the sitting room carpet apparently it is good for one's teeth. It wasn't until Monty had gone home that Mrs. Ancient went into the sitting room to find sick on the carpet. I admitted nothing*

*and hope she thought it was Monty. He is of course teething as he is only seven months old.*

*There have been workmen in the house and they ate sandwiches in the garden at lunch time. I, of course, joined them and was given titbits. One of the workmen went off to his van and very decently left the remains of his lunch which I wolfed down in seconds. He wasn't pleased and Mrs. Ancient had to make him another sandwich to placate him.*

*Our new neighbours have an enormous bulldog Barney who is most hospitable. Whenever I pass on my walk and nip in to see him, he allows me to finish any food he hasn't finished in his bowl.*

*I was in big trouble with Mrs Ancient when I went to visit Barney unannounced, the gate was off the latch, and I was brought home with Barney in tow....I had to bite Barney's leg as he forgot I was top dog in this village and he had the temerity to walk in front of me.*

*I was told in no uncertain terms this was very bad manners. Mrs. Ancient said I was very lucky that Barney didn't bite me back.*

*I am looking forward to the summer when I may be allowed back into the car. Watch this space.*



## SPRING-HEALED TURF NEWS FROM GREAT HAMPDEN CC BY JOHN HUSSEY

March! Spring is here. March! The name alone urges life forwards. March!

Forever linked to hares with mental health issues. March! The cricket season nears.

And what an exciting season it promises to be. After coming so close to silverware in 2022, we have the squad to go one further. There's been a shake-up of The Mid Bucks League, and this has given us new opponents like Stewkley village as well as old adversaries such as Widmer and Bradenham. It really would be great to see more local spectators at the games. Ours is a beautiful ground, the cricket is entertaining, and The Hampden Arms is just a ball's throw away.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> saw the annual GHCC awards dinner. Skipper Rory Wilson won Best Batsman and expressed his determination to get us playing in England's swashbuckling 'Bazball' style. Craig Eden won Best Bowler and, very deservedly, the Players' Player vote. Sohail Abbas received a large packet of cotton wool in honour of his fightback from a broken finger.

There was also recognition for Steve Andrews as he hands over the role of Chairman to Rob Stanley. Steve has done so much to organise things behind the scenes and GHCC is a lot stronger for his work. As a thank-you, he was presented with a framed copy of the poem below. Apologies for rampant egotism, but I wrote this. Hopefully, it conveys both our love for Great Hampden and the pride we take in playing for its cricket team.

## The Great Hampden Groundshare

Yes, to be fair, it's worked out fine.  
We alternate, they take the time  
to keep the old ways keeping on.  
They don't stay late and when tall shadows wander in  
from deep square leg their cars are gone,  
the wood exhales and we begin.

The fox is first to leave the trees.  
The day has shrunk to all he sees.  
His sprinting prints his sole idea  
across the blank and grassy page. Through exit wounds  
of mud and stones the moles appear.  
At long, long off there stands the moon.

Two spring-heeled fauns unfold themselves  
like easels; graze amongst the ferns  
and find a ball the men have lost.  
One Saturday, they'd clutched it like a son, but then  
the big lad heaved and sent it off  
as if it had offended them.

Now dusk is fumbling at the edge  
of bench and sky and pub and hedge,  
and then, part bird, part leather glove,  
two bats arrive, pick up a moth's slow, twirling flight,  
and *bam!* They cross, one call's enough,  
each dot and dash decodes the night.

Nearby, fat apples fall uncaught  
in orchards strewn with *shoulds* and *oughts*.  
A cordon of conspiring rooks  
must sledge the moon. Then, last of all, the rabbits come  
to ring the field like minute marks;  
just clumps of grass until they run.

When autumn nears, the men clear off,  
but warmer sun and spring-healed turf  
soon bring them back, it's understood.  
Some faces gone, some new recruits, the parts *will* change  
like beeches in the ancient wood.  
But though each falls the whole remains.

Saturday again.  
One of the flickering, white-clad men  
is stood there by the crowd of ferns.  
He fields (and smokes a fag in turn),  
looks down to find  
an old lost ball on the boundary line.





## GARDENING COLUMN

### BY OUR VERY OWN 'GERALDINE GRAINGER'

I appreciate that each season in the UK can include a lot of weather that you did not expect and this has certainly been happening in the past 3 or 4 years.

This new trend appears to incorporate a random almost rain free month. For 2023, nature chose Dry February as the rain free month-(however, I am not a

signatory to a "dry" non drinking month post-Christmas nor for that matter

any other month of the year). The drought of 2022 left a number of streams and rivers at a much lower water level or even completely dry. The stream in Hughenden Manor Park had been completely dry since last summer and remained a depressing sight all through the Autumn. I feared it would not recover, but am pleased to report, in January, it suddenly flowed again and hopefully all the water plants will also flourish.

Then March arrived and the rain we have experienced has made the paths in the woods their usual quagmire, but we can't complain as all through the winter they were either frozen or dry.

2023 has started with the same battles with invasive weeds as prior years. The aforementioned slightly damp conditions has encouraged an early attempt to remove them as soon as they poke their heads out of the soil. I accept that all I can hope for is a modest reduction each year. Currently I do not have a new weed or other pest Nemesis to try & control but the year is young and with my luck it is sure to happen. In the meantime, several of the shrubs added last year, especially the Hebe's, are looking leafless and brownish and not all together happy. They all had the same hardiness rating, although I doubt the plant growers allow a "Great Hampden Hardiness" rating versus those in the tropical local towns. Fingers crossed that they recover.

As I write this note, the sky is sunny, I would really like to be outside potting up my new seeds. I ordered a sizeable quantity this year to try & stop me buying nursery plants as their prices have increased by more than half a pound of butter. As previously discussed, I still like peat or part peat compost and bought a quantity of bags last year, both to guarantee supply and avoid the obvious price increases. These bags are begging me to open them and start sowing but experience has shown that this is a road to disaster, so I will wait to early April. What you can be doing now is pruning your apple trees in readiness for a Village show winning entry. I only have a couple of small trees so the task will take no more than an hour and so will not take my mind off a desire to start my seeds.

What I will start shortly is fertilising my beds. For the lawn I use the stuff you put in the watering can as the lawn is not terribly big and I use the same for my pots, but the lawn will be delayed to give me time to attack the moss, both physically and chemically. I like to use chicken pellets for the beds as all I have to do is throw handfuls in the general direction of the key plant areas, lighter and quicker than the watering can. Foolishly my canny approach to buying compost last year was not applied to the chicken pellets which being a fertiliser will have

increased exorbitantly. Just looked online and the costs has increased by 20% from last year but I found a garden centre that has modestly increased prices and will deliver.

I wish you a successful growing season and superb entries to the village show.



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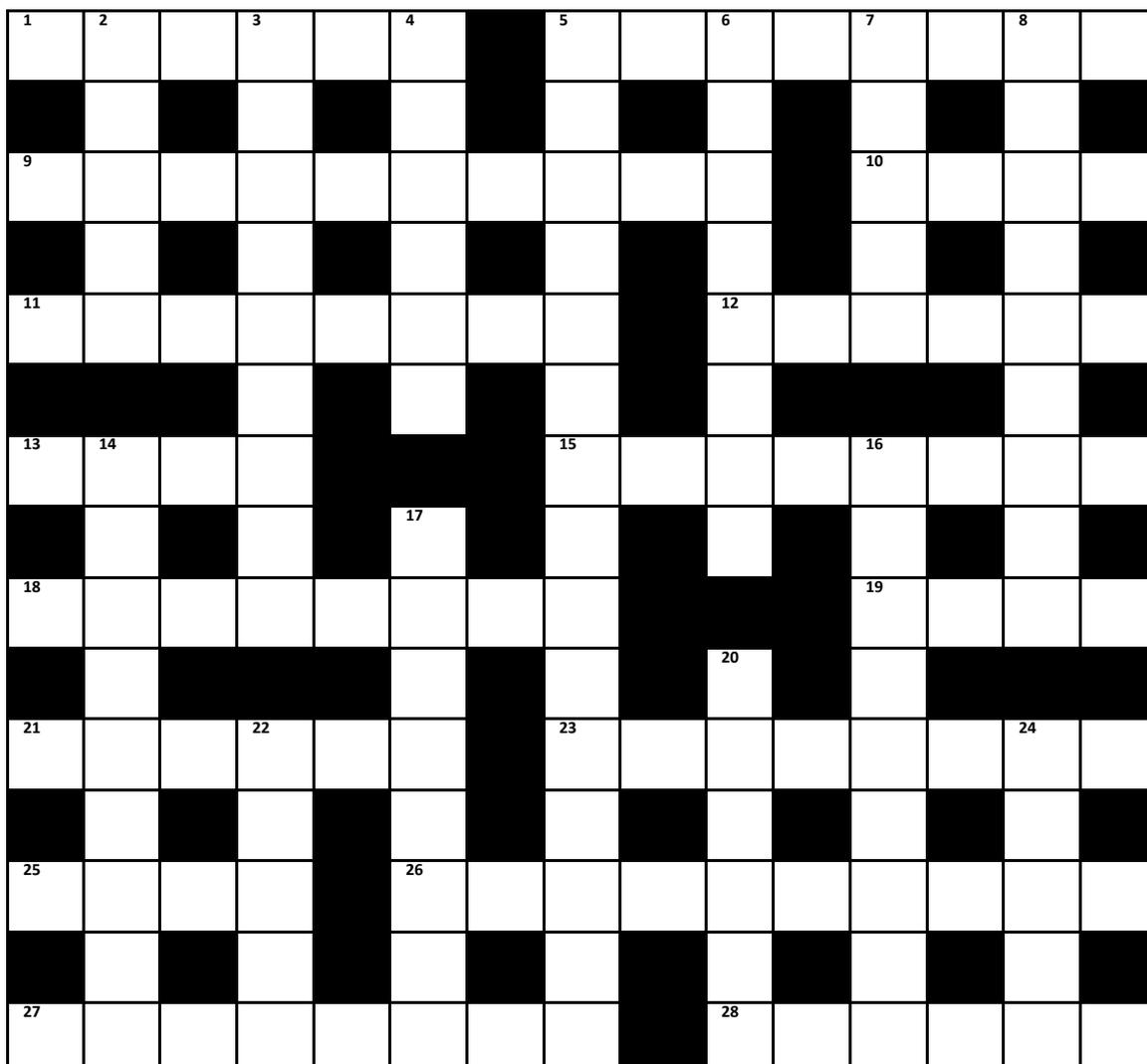
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## SPRING 2023 CROSSWORD



### Across

1. Pretending to be a substitute (6)
5. Sweet for crossing lady (8)
9. Watch component at the jumble sale? (6-4)
10. A Greek jot (4)
11. Vegetable producing Bond films (8)
12. Improved punter (6)
13. Lido found on screen (4)
15. Duck akin to the teal (8)
18. Weapon maker (8)
19. Could be evens, but isn't! (4)
21. Airport stairs? (6)
23. Unripe (8)
25. Neat arrangement for volcano (4)
26. Appropriating fraudulently (10)
27. Creeps past(6,2)
28. Most pleasant French city street 6)

### Down

2. One third of congratulatory call (5)
3. Triangle with two equal sides (9)
4. Judge of Israel, now putting bibles in hotels (6)
5. Soloist in 'Once in Royal ...' (7,8)
6. Little red beetle book - Johnson (8)
7. I had nearly 10 across to become a fool (5)
8. Getting 12 across (2,3,4)
14. Two cards of a suit in hand (9)
16. Like an apostle (9)
17. Acute poverty (8)
20. Militant female banker in S. America (6)
22. Country held by Afghan army (5)
24. Calls on your fingers (5)

### Solution to the Christmas crossword

**Across** 1. Backache 5. Scrawl 10. Nationalisation 11. Archive 12. Codecil 13. Nineties 15. Altar 18. Hymns 20. Canticle 23. Tornado 25. Message 26. Manic-depressive 27. Celery 28. Fly-sheet **Down** : 1. Bonsai 2. Catachism 3. Agonise 4. Heave 6. Claudia 7. Disc 8. Landlord 9. Diocesan 14. In clover 16. Talkative 17. Rhythmic 19. Scarcer 21. Insists 22. Select 24. Renal 25. Moral Solutions came from Ian Smith, Mary Heald, Andrew Reid, Jim and Libby Rodda, David Hillas, Margaret Nanton, Philip Maton and Clive Lumbers. Thank you. Solutions to this puzzle to Rob Merrick, Broombarrow Corner, Great Missenden, HP16 9PF Email [robmerrick1905@gmail.com](mailto:robmerrick1905@gmail.com) will be very welcome.

## FUTURE EVENTS IN OUR PARISH 2023

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
Wednesday 5th April at 7.30 pm	Haydn's 'Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross'	St Mary Magdalene Church
Good Friday 7th April at 12 noon	An Hour by The Cross	St Mary Magdalene Church
Easter Sunday 9th April at 11.15 pm	Family Festival Eucharist followed by an Easter Egg Hunt	St Mary Magdalene Church
Sunday 7th May time tbc	WI Coronation Celebration	Village Hall
Sunday 14th May at 12 noon	Annual PCC Meeting	St Mary Magdalene Church
Saturday 22nd July time tbc	Chamber Music Concert	St Mary Magdalene Church
Sunday 23rd July at 11.15 pm	St Mary Magdalene Day and BYO Picnic	St Mary Magdalene Church
Saturday 16th September	Village Show	Village Hall
Friday 29th September time tbc	Village Quiz	Village Hall
Events at the Hampden Arms	<a href="http://www.thehampdenarms.co.uk/">http://www.thehampdenarms.co.uk/</a>	



<b>18 May 7.30 pm</b>	<b>Resolutions</b>	<b>21 September 7.30 pm</b>	<b>Bygone Days – Charing Cross to China</b>
<b>15 June 7.30 pm</b>	<b>Birds of Prey</b>	<b>19 October 7.30 pm</b>	<b>100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party Wild Rose Flower Company</b>
<b>13 July 7.30 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs)</b>	<b>Badger's Garden</b>	<b>16 November 7.30 pm</b>	<b>AGM</b>
<b>Saturday 16 September</b>	<b>Centenary Village Show</b>	<b>14 December 7.30 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs)</b>	<b>Amersham Brass Band</b>

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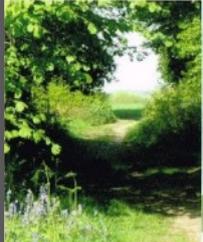
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Herdwicks grow slowly and our lambs are typically a year old before they are ready, at this age they are known as hoggets. As a result the meat is full of flavour and very tender.

We can also supply mutton on request which has a stronger flavour and is having a renaissance with chefs and cooks alike.



Hogget is normally only available in season from February until May.

For more information about Hampden Herdwicks please contact:

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# AROUND OUR COMMUNITY



WI 'Claridge's in the Chilterns' tea party



Hampden Arms—free vegetables, St Patrick's Day,



WI Easter Egg meeting!



WI Lunch at The Hampden Arms. Thank you Con and Louise for making us very welcome!

# GREAT HAMPDEN VILLAGE SHOW

Celebrating 100 Years of Great Hampden Women's Institute

SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

VILLAGE HALL

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*Adjudication to be made by qualified judges*

*Entries on official entry forms (one form for each exhibitor)  
to be submitted to a member of the Show Committee  
by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September*

*All exhibits must be staged between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (when doors are locked) on Show morning. Exhibits must remain in place until 4:15 p.m. for public viewing*

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**Doors open for viewing of exhibits and results at 2:30 p.m.**

Entry £1 - free to exhibitors & children aged 12 and under

**Overall Winners' Cups and Class Awards will be presented at 4:30 p.m.  
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